

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application 1-111 remain in the application and have been amended
 hereby. 09/743,947

Filed As will be noted from the Declaration, Applicants are citizens
 and residents of Japan and this application originated there.

Accordingly, the amendments made to the specification are
 provided to place the application in idiomatic English, and the
 claims are amended to place them in better condition for
 examination.

An early and favorable examination on the merits is earnestly
 solicited.

No fee is required.

The fee has been calculated as shown below.

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADEIN THE ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Applicants:

Please amend the Abstract by rewriting same to read as follows.

When devices connected through a bus of the IEEE 1394 type or the like [can be] are controlled by sending a predetermined command, in order to check whether the device corresponds with the desired control command, a parameter for sorting the command as being unique is added to an operation code of the control command to make an inquiry, thereby allowing whether the device corresponds or not to be confirmed from a response to the inquiry, and thus enabling a command corresponding to the device connected through the bus to easily be checked.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1-11 by rewriting same to read as follows.

--1. (Amended) A communication method for carrying out communication between a plurality of devices connected with each other through a predetermined digital communication control bus, wherein

in order to check whether a second device connected to a first device through the digital communication control bus corresponds with a desired control command, a parameter for sorting the control command as a unique [one] control command is added to an operation code of the control command sent from the first device.

--2. (Amended) [A] The communication method according to claim 1, wherein when the second device that receives the control command decides whether the device corresponds with the desired control command, the second device identifies not only by the operation code of the command but also by [a] the parameter for sorting the

command as a unique [one] control command, and the second device sends to the first device a response answering the inquiry about whether the device is compatible [corresponds or not].

--3. (Amended) [A] The communication method according to claim 2, wherein when [it] there is [decided whether] a decision that the second device corresponds with the desired control command based on the response received by the first device, display data of a control panel for instructing the second device to operate is generated based on the decision.

--4. (Amended) [A] The communication method according to claim 3, wherein the display data of the control panel is [made to be such data] provided so that display of the corresponding control command and display of non-corresponding control command can be distinguished from each other by a user.

--5. (Amended) A communication device [capable of] for carrying out communications with an opposite party on [the] an other end of connection connected with a predetermined digital communication control bus, the device comprising:

communication means for transmitting and receiving packets through the digital communication control bus, and

control means, in order to check whether the opposite party in communication with the [electronic] communication device by means of the communication means corresponds with a desired control command, for adding a parameter for sorting the control command as being unique to an operation code of the desired control command and making the communication means send the same resulting signal.

--6. (Amended) [A] The communication device according to claim

5, further comprising display data generating means in which, when the communication means receives a response to the control command, the control means [decides] makes a decision whether the device corresponds or not, and based on the decision, the display generating means generates display data for a control panel that instructs a user for the device sending the response what to operate.

--7. (Amended) [A] The communication device according to claim 6, wherein the display data for the control panel generated by the display data generating means is [made to be such data] provided so that a display of the corresponding control command and a display corresponding to non-corresponding control command can be distinguished from each other.

--8. (Amended) A communication device [capable of] for carrying out communications with an opposite party on [the] an other end of connection connected with a predetermined digital communication control bus, the device comprising:

communication means for transmitting and receiving packets through the digital communication control bus, and

control means for identifying whether the device corresponds with a predetermined control command not only by designation of a predetermined operation code included in a packet received from the predetermined opposite party by [means of] the communication means but also by a parameter for sorting the command as being unique, and making the communication means transmit a packet of response including its response data.

--9. (Amended) A communication system for carrying out communication between a first device and a second [devices] device

connected with each other through a predetermined digital communication control bus, wherein

the first device comprises:

first communication means for transmitting and receiving packets through the digital communication control bus; and

first control means for adding a parameter for sorting a desired control command as a unique one to an operation code of the control command in order to check whether the second device corresponds with the desired control command[,] and for making the first communication means transmit the resulting signal;

the second device comprises:

second communication means for transmitting and receiving packets through the digital communication control bus; and

second control means for identifying whether the device corresponds with a predetermined control command not only by designation of a predetermined operation code included in packets received from the first device by the second communication means but also by a parameter for sorting the command as a unique one[,] and for making the second communication means send a packet of response including response data to the first device.

--10. (Amended) [A] The communication system according to claim 9, wherein the first device includes display data generating means[,] and when [it is decided whether] a decision is made that the device corresponds with the desired control command based on the response received by the first device, the display data generating means generates display data of a control panel for instructing a user of the second device what to operate based on the decision.

--11. (Amended) [A] The communication system according to

claim 10, wherein the display data generated by the display data generating means of the first device is [made to be such data] provided so that a display for the corresponding control command and a display for non-corresponding control command can be distinguished from each other.

1. The first step in the process of the investigation is the identification of the problem. This is done by the investigator who is assigned to the case. The investigator will then conduct a preliminary investigation to determine the scope of the problem and the resources available. This will involve a review of the existing literature and a consultation with the relevant stakeholders. The next step is the development of a research plan. This will involve the selection of the research methods, the identification of the research questions, and the determination of the data sources. The research plan will then be approved by the relevant authorities. The final step is the implementation of the research plan. This will involve the collection of data, the analysis of the data, and the presentation of the findings. The results of the investigation will then be used to inform the development of a solution to the problem.